

forth below that respond to the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2001, and that address the discussion with the Examiner during the personal interview on October 13, 2001.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please amend the drawings as indicated below. A marked copy of the drawings with the proposed changes shown in RED are attached. Applicant requests approval of these changes. In anticipation of the Examiner's approval, a clean copy of the drawings reflecting the changes are also attached.

On Figure 1, insert "VENDOR SITES," as shown and insert "COMMUNICATION SYSTEM/" in the block designated by reference numbered TS.

On Figure 2, insert "COMMUNICATION SYSTEM/" in the block designated by reference numbered TS.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as indicated below. Applicant is submitting a substitute specification (excluding the claims) under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.125(b). In the event the Examiner approves the amendments below, Applicant requests the Examiner to replace the specification of record with the attached substitute specification. Applicant does not believe that any of the amendments requested here introduce any new matter. Also, a marked copy of the substitute specification showing all the changes to the specification of record is attached. Deletions are shown within brackets and additions with underlining.

On page 6, line 13, change "effectively prevents" to -- also avoids--.

On page 11, line 3, after "illustrating" insert --a form of-- at line 3, cancel "central" and at line 4, cancel "scheduling and routing."

W.E.  
✓ On page 12, line 18, delete "The" and insert --As disclosed in detail below, on the basis of data, including merchandise codes, the--; line 24, after "Likewise," insert --for example, on the basis of merchandise codes as disclosed below,--; and line 25, after "are" insert --selectively--.

W.E.  
✓ On page 19, line 2, after "traffic," insert --filtering --.

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✓ On page 24, line 3, after "logic," insert --or filtering structure to provide a select group is--; at line 4, after "at 47," insert --also--; at line 7, after "below" insert --, specifically with reference to FIGURE 6. As described in detail below, merchandise codes identify buyers and vendors and the selectivity logic 47 selectively directs communication, as for offers, requests or solicitations for proposals, and so on--.

Enfor  
✓ On page 25, line 14, change "buyer" to --vendor--.

Enfor  
✓ On page 32, line 24, change "a" to --an--.

W.E.  
✓ On page 33, line 4, after "determinations" insert --and--.

Enfor  
✓ On page 34, line 27, before "more" insert --still--.

W.E.  
✓ On page 37, line 9, before "the selectivity", change "enhance" to --enable--; and line 10, after "communication" insert --and help--.

W.E.  
✓ On page 41, line 10, after "FIGURE 7." insert --For example, as indicated above, a request for a proposal, prompts tests for recipients based on merchandise codes (block T54) that comport to a request.--

W.E.  
✓ On page 45, line 2, after "sent to," insert --select--.

### REMARKS

The rejected claims 17-34 were previously discussed during a personal interview with the Examiner and his Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) on October 13, 2001, in relation to the parent case. At the outset, Applicant's representatives again, wish to express their appreciation for the courtesy and attention extended by both the Examiner and the Supervisory Patent